

In the claims:

Following is a complete set of claims as amended with this Response.

1-103. (Cancelled)

104. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

broadcasting content descriptors to a client, the content descriptors describing ~~including only a portion of the full~~ content corresponding to the content descriptors;
receiving demand data from the client automatically generated transparent to a ~~user~~ in response to the content descriptors, the demand data indicating the desirability of ~~a corresponding piece of content;~~

broadcasting further content descriptors to the client in response to the demand data, together with the further content descriptors also including only a portion of the full ~~further~~ content corresponding to the further content descriptors;

receiving further demand data manually generated by the user from the client in response to the further content descriptors; and

broadcasting the full content to the client corresponding to some of the further content descriptors in response to the further demand data for presentation on the a client device.

105. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 104, wherein the content comprises video entertainment programming.

106. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 104, further comprising receiving updated demand data indicating which full content has been stored by the client.

107. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 104, further comprising receiving updated demand data indicating which full content has been consumed by the client.

108. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 104, further comprising prioritizing the content in response to the demand data received from the client and wherein broadcasting full content comprises broadcasting full content prioritized.

109. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 104, wherein the automatically generated demand data ~~in response to the content descriptors~~ is ~~automatically generated transparent to the client~~ based on an amount of content consumed by the client ~~and wherein the further demand data is generated manually by the client~~.

110. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 104, wherein receiving demand data comprises receiving a demand table, wherein the demand table is determined based on rankings of the content descriptors and existing content at a client.

111. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 104, wherein the content descriptors include metadata to describe the content.

112. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 104, wherein the received further demand data includes feedback received from the client, the feedback including a demand indicating a level of desirability for the content.

113. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 104, further comprising broadcasting a content descriptor schedule signal to the client to indicate that a content descriptor file is to be broadcast at a specified broadcast time and wherein broadcasting content descriptors comprises broadcasting content descriptors at the specified broadcast time.

114. (Currently Amended) A tangible machine-readable storage medium comprising instructions stored thereon which when executed, cause a machine to perform operations comprising:

broadcasting content descriptors to a client, the content descriptors describing ~~including only a portion of the full~~ content corresponding to the content descriptors;

receiving demand data from the client automatically generated transparent to a user in response to the content descriptors, the demand data indicating the desirability of a corresponding piece of content;

broadcasting further content descriptors to the client in response to the demand data, ~~together with the further content descriptors also including only a portion of the full further~~ content corresponding to the further content descriptors;

receiving further demand data manually generated by the user from the client in response to the further content descriptors; and

broadcasting the full content to the client corresponding to some of the further content descriptors in response to the further demand data for presentation on the a client device.

115. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 114, wherein the demand data received from the client is received in a batch.

116. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 114, wherein the demand data received from the client is received staggered, wherein the staggering is based on a last time the client sent feedback to the server.

117. (Previously Presented) The medium of Claim 114, wherein the content comprises video entertainment programming.

118. (Previously Presented) The medium of Claim 114, further comprising receiving updated demand data indicating which full content has been stored by the client.

119. (Previously Presented) The medium of Claim 114, further comprising receiving updated demand data indicating which full content has been consumed by the client.

120. (Previously Presented) The medium of Claim 114, further comprising prioritizing the content in response to the demand data received from the client and wherein broadcasting full content comprises broadcasting full content prioritized.

121. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
a server coupled to a client, the server having a storage medium and an integrated circuit coupled via a bus including a multi-drop bus, wherein the system is configured to perform operations comprising:

broadcasting content descriptors to a client, the content descriptors describing ~~including only a portion of the full~~ content corresponding to the content descriptors;
receiving demand data from the client automatically generated transparent to a user in response to the content descriptors, the demand data indicating the desirability of a corresponding piece of content;

broadcasting further content descriptors to the client in response to the demand data, together with the further content descriptors also including only a portion of the full ~~further~~ content corresponding to the further content descriptors;

receiving further demand data manually generated by the user from the client in response to the further content descriptors; and

broadcasting the full content to the client corresponding to some of the further content descriptors in response to the further demand data for presentation on the a client device.

122. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 121, wherein the operations further comprise receiving updated demand data indicating which full content has been stored by the client.

123. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 121, wherein the operations further comprise receiving updated demand data indicating which full content has been consumed by the client.

124. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 121, wherein the operations further comprise prioritizing the content in response to the demand data received from the client and wherein broadcasting full content comprises broadcasting full content prioritized.

125. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a network including a first computer system coupled to a second computer system, the first computer system to perform operations comprising:
broadcasting content descriptors to the second computer system, the content descriptors describing including only a portion of the full content corresponding to the content descriptors;
receiving demand data from the second computer system automatically generated transparent to a user in response to the content descriptors, the demand data indicating the desirability of a corresponding piece of content;

broadcasting further content descriptors to the second computer system in response to the demand data, ~~together with the further content descriptors also including~~
~~only~~ a portion of the full ~~further~~ content corresponding to the further content descriptors;
receiving further demand data manually generated by the user from the second computer system in response to the further content descriptors; and
broadcasting the full content to the second computer system corresponding to some of the further content descriptors in response to the further demand data for presentation on a device associated with the second computer system;
the second computer system to perform operations comprising: ~~comprising:~~
generating demand data transparent to a user of the second computer system in response to the received content descriptor to send to the first computer system;
generating further demand data using manual user inputs in response to the received further content descriptor to send to the first computer system; and
presenting the full content.

126. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 125, wherein the automatically generated demand data is ~~automatically generated transparent to a user of the second computer system~~ based on the amount of content consumed by the second computer system.

127. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 125, wherein the demand data comprises a demand table, wherein the demand table is determined based on ~~based~~ rankings of prioritized content based on user interests and existing content at a client, wherein the demand table is created and updated at the second computer system in response to filtering the prioritized content received from the first computer system.

128. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 125, wherein the first computer system comprises a server, and the second computer system comprises a client.

129. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 125, wherein the demand data received from the second computer system in a batch.

130. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving content descriptors at a client from a broadcaster, the content descriptors describing including only a portion of the full content corresponding to the content descriptors;

generating demand data at the client automatically and transparent to the user in response to the content descriptors, the demand data indicating the desirability of a corresponding piece of content;

sending the demand data to the broadcaster;
receiving further content descriptors at the client in response to the demand data, together with the further content descriptors also including only a portion of the full further content corresponding to the content descriptors;

generating further demand data at the client manually by the user in response to the further content descriptors corresponding to the further content descriptors;

sending the further demand data to the broadcaster; and
receiving the full content at the client corresponding to some of the further content descriptors in response to the further demand data for presentation on the client a client device.

131. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 130, further comprising maintaining a demand data table at the client, updating the demand data table as content is consumed, and wherein generating demand data comprises using the demand data table,.

132. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 131, further comprising selectively storing the full content according to the demand data table.

133. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 131, wherein the demand table is created and updated at the client in response to filtering content based on ~~based~~ interests of a current user at the client, user behavior of a previous user at the client, and content consumption at the client.

134. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 131, wherein sending the demand data comprises sending the demand table in response to a signal received at the client from the broadcaster.

135. (Currently Amended) A tangible machine-readable storage medium comprising instructions stored thereon which when executed, cause a machine to perform operations comprising:

receiving content descriptors at a client from a broadcaster, the content descriptors describing including only a portion of the full content corresponding to the content descriptors;

generating demand data at the client automatically and transparent to the user in response to the content descriptors, the demand data indicating the desirability of a corresponding piece of content;

sending the demand data to the broadcaster;

receiving further content descriptors at the client in response to the demand data,
~~together with the further content descriptors also including only~~ a portion of the full
~~further content corresponding to the content descriptors;~~

generating further demand data manually by the user at the client in response to
the further content descriptors;

sending the further demand data to the broadcaster; and
receiving the full content at the client corresponding to some of the further
content descriptors in response to the further demand data for presentation on the client a
client device.

136. (Previously Presented) The medium of Claim 135, further comprising
sending updated demand data indicating which full content has been stored by the client

137. (Previously Presented) The medium of Claim 135, further comprising
sending updated demand data indicating which full content has been consumed by the
client

138. (Previously Presented) The medium of Claim 135, wherein the demand
data is automatically generated transparent to the client based on an amount of content
consumed by the client and wherein the further demand data is generated manually by the
client.